

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 890

WHEREAS, Section 125 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, as amended, states as follows:

The Governor shall have the power, and it is hereby made his duty, to suspend alleged defaulting state and county treasurers, and defaulting tax-collectors pending the investigation of their respective accounts, and to make temporary appointments of proper persons to fill the offices while such investigations are being made; and the legislature shall provide for the enforcement of this provision by appropriate legislation; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7-1-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, states as follows:

The Governor shall have the power, and it is his duty, to suspend alleged defaulting tax collectors pending the investigation of their respective accounts, whether made under the foregoing sections or otherwise, and to make temporary appointments of proper persons to fill the offices while such investigations are being made; and,

WHEREAS, it has been credibly alleged that the Tax Collector of Sunflower County, Ms Anna Addison Langston , hereinafter referred to as Ms. Anna Addison, has defaulted on her lawful duties and responsibilities as Tax Collector and Assessor of Sunflower County, on the basis that she is subject to an indictment by a Grand Jury of Sunflower County, Mississippi, filed on September 4, 2003, on three counts for the crime of embezzlement and related offenses under Sections 97-11-1, 97-11-29, 97-11-31 and 99-19-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended , which indictment is hereby attached; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Sunflower County has adopted a Resolution dated September 30, 2003 setting forth the nature and circumstances of the default by Ms. Anna Addison, requesting her suspension and the appointment of Ms. Carolyn Ray as Tax Collector and Assessor until such time as the criminal charges are resolved in favor of Ms. Addison, which resolution is hereby attached; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Sunflower County that the Governor exercise his constitutional and statutory authority with respect to this matter; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi do hereby suspend Ms. Anna Addison, Tax Collector and Assessor of Sunflower County, Mississippi from her duties pending an investigation of her accounts and the resolution in her favor of the criminal charges against her, and do hereby appoint on a temporary basis and until further notification, Ms. Carolyn Ray, a citizen of Sunflower County and a proper person based on her long experience and service to the Tax Collector’s Office to fill the office, of Tax Collector and Assessor of Sunflower County, Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 14th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE